To the Minister of the Parish of

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SIR,

BEING desirous to obtain as particular a Knowledge as I can of the State of my DIOCESE, in order to qualify myself for being more useful in it, I send you the following Questions, under which if you please, after making due Enquiry concerning them, to write the proper Answers, to sign them with your Name, and put them into my Hands at the Visitation, sealed up if you think fit, you will greatly assist and oblige

Your affectionate Brother and Servant,

April 2d, 1753.

THO. NORWICH.

I. WHAT is the Extent of your Parish? What Villages or Hamlets, and what Number of Houses doth it comprehend? and what Families of Note are there in it?

II. ARE there any Papiſts in your Pariſh, and how many, and of what Rank? Have any Perſons been lately perverted to Popery, and by whom, and by what Means and how many, and who are they? Is there any Place in your Pariſh in which they aſſemble for Worſhip, and where is it? Doth any Popiſh Prieſt reſide in your Pariſh, or reſort to it, and by what Name doth he go? Is there any Popiſh School kept in your Pariſh? Hath any Confirmation or Viſitation been lately held in your Pariſh by any Popiſh Biſhop, and by whom and when, and how often is this done?

III. ARE there in your Pariſh any Preſbyterians, Independents, or Anabaptiſts? and how many of each Sect, and of what Rank? What are the Names of their Teachers? Is their Number leſſened or increaſed of late Years, and by what Means?

IV. ARE there any Quakers in your Pariſh, and how many? Is their Number leſſened or increaſed of late Years, and by what Means? Have they a Meeting in your Pariſh, and how often do they meet there? Do any of them, and how many in Proportion pay your legal Dues without Compulſion, if not, do you loſe ſuch Dues? Or how do you recover them? and what Facts do you know, which may help to ſet their Behaviour towards the Clergy, or that of the Clergy towards them in a true Light?

V. ARE there any Perſons in your Pariſh, who commonly abſent themſelves from all publick Worſhip of God on the Lord's Day? And what is the Number of ſuch Perſons, and is it increaſed of late? And of what Rank are they?

VI. DO you reſide conſtantly upon your Cure, and in the Houſe belonging to it? If not where and at what Diſtance? And how long in each Year are you Abſent? And what is the Reaſon of ſuch Abſence? And have you a licenſed Curate reſiding in the Pariſh? Or at what Diſtance from it? And who is he? And doth he ſerve any Other and what Cure? And what Salary do you allow him.

VII. IS publick Service duly performed Twice every Lord's Day in your Church, and one Sermon preached? If not, what is the Reaſon? And on what Days beſides are Prayers Read there? Is there any Chappel in your Pariſh? And at what Diſtance from the Church? And how often are there Prayers and Sermons in it? How often, and at what Times do you Catechiſe in your Church? Do your Pariſhioners duly ſend their Children and Servants who have not learned their Catechiſm, to be inſtructed by you? And do you either expound to them yourſelf, or make uſe of ſome printed Expoſition, and what is it? Are there any Perſons who frequent public Worſhip, and are not Baptized? And whence doth this proceed? How often is the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper adminiſtered? And how many uſually receive it each Time?

VIII. IS there any Free-School, Hoſpital, or Alms-Houſe in your Pariſh? And for how many, and what Sort of Perſons? And who was the Founder, and who are the Governours, and what are the Revenues of it? And are they carefully preſerved and employed as they ought? And are the Statutes and Ordinances made concerning it well obſerved?

IX. IS there any voluntary Charity School in your Pariſh? And for how many Boys or Gils? And how is it ſupported? And what are they Taught? And are they alſo lodged, fed or cloathed? And how are they diſpoſed of, when they leave the School?

X. HAVE any Lands or Tenements, or Tythes or Penſions, or Sums of Money to be placed out at Intereſt, been given at any Time to your Church or Poor? And what are they? And for what particular Uſes were they given? And are they carefully preſerv'd and apply'd to thoſe Uſes, and no other?

XI. BY whom and to what Uſes, is the Money given at the Offertory diſpoſe of?

XII. IS there any other Matter relating to your Pariſh, of which it may be prope to give me Information? And what is it?

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